**Collaborize Classroom Book Club**

Welcome to our online book club! This is a space where we can have conversations about the books we read each month. Students, teachers and parents are welcome to join in these discussions.

**Objectives:**

* Inspire a love of reading.
* Encourage students to read for pleasure.
* Begin a thoughtful dialogue about literature.
* Provide students with an opportunity to think critically about literature and practice reading strategies.
* Build relationships between students, teachers and parents that will strengthen our school community.

As we begin our discussions online it is important to remember that to be a successful book club we must respect each other. We may not always agree with one another’s perspectives or points of view, but we need to stay open-minded and supportive in our online dialogue. Remember that a variety of opinions will make our discussions interesting.

Please review the following **expectations for online communication**:

* Use each other’s names.
* Be considerate.
* Ask questions.
* Listen to all the ideas presented and stay open-minded.
* Respond instead of reacting.
* Reread your messages before sending to avoid confusion.
* Actively engage in the conversation by posting thoughtful responses to the questions and replying to the other members of our book club.

Our book club will read one title each month related to the **monthly theme**.

October: Explorers

November: Celebrate Reading

December: Holiday Celebrations

January: Art Appreciation

February: Black History

March: Nutrition

April: Earth Day

May: Space

June: Summer Fun

[\*Optional] Feel free to suggest a title for any of these months by posting your suggestion to the “Book Suggestions” category. At the end of each month we will vote on the titles that have been suggested. Remember to include title, author and a brief description of how this book relates to the monthly theme.